

Welcome Back Pete and Reba



Pete and Reba prepared to give and receive their weekly hugs

On Sunday, June 25, 2006, the congregation of Tennille UMC celebrated the reappointment of Rev. Peter Barlow -- 'Pastor Pete' -- to our church. In a special service, Mrs. Mary Moye, Lay Delegate; Mrs. Leona Rogers, Lay Leader and Dr. Dwight Irons welcomed 'Pastor Pete' and Reba back to the Tennille UMC.



Leona presenting Pete with Bible



Mary presenting Pete with Hymnal and Book of Worship



Dwight presenting Pete with Stole



Leona and Dwight laying hands on Pete and Reba during prayer

Birthday Celebration Sunday, July 16, 2006

Everyone is invited to a birthday celebration honoring Anne Bazemore and Harry Gilbert on the occasion of their 90th birthdays. Special tributes will be made during the morning worship service. A birthday dinner will follow in the W.B. Smith Bldg. This will be a covered-dish meal. Feed My Sheep will provide chicken and ham. Leona will provide the birthday cakes. Prepare your favorite dishes taking into consideration that we may have 50 to 60 additional guests from outside our church.

**We extend our Christian sympathy
To the family of**

Michael Scott Miller

LOYALTY SUNDAY

Your Finance and Stewardship Committee believes we need a new approach to our financial stewardship. For this coming year we plan to budget our expenses only after determining our income. To do this we need to make an estimate of our giving.

We have decided to designate August 13th as "Loyalty Sunday". On this Sunday during morning worship we will ask members to make a commitment to the Kingdom of God through our church, its ministry and missions by completing an estimate of giving card. The contents of this card will only be known to the Church treasurer. Even if you are strongly opposed to completing a card or a new member still feeling your way in our Church we urge you to attend. The procedure will be done in such a way that no one will feel any embarrassment by choosing not to fill out a card.

During our worship service we plan to have a guest leader who will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration followed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

VBS –Trading Places

Mark your calendar and prepare to attend VBS July 31 -- August 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Trading Places – VBS

“Pack your duffel bags and bring your cameras! Make sure you have your passports and visas!” Those are the instructions you will hear from the TRADING PLACES Tour Director as you begin an exciting world tour. Everyone will be divided into Tour Teams and will visit exotic places where they will encounter kids from all over the world.

The Tour Teams will begin their trip each day at 6:00 P.M. and end at 9:00 P.M., July 31 – August 4, 2006. Their itinerary will take them through the **TRADING PLACES Travel Center** where they will then tap their feet to a traveling beat in **Passport Praises.** They’ll travel to **Transformation Station** to hear some awesome stories about Bible heroes who really did trade one place in life for another, taste the local cuisine in the **International Food Court**, and get tickets to **First-Class Crafts**. As they travel Tour Team members will pick up some valuable travel tips. BE LOYAL, BE REAL, BE BRAVE, BE READY, BE CHANGED!

To extend the impact of VBS, kids will receive daily V.I.S.A.s (very important service assignments) – practical ways to put what they’ve learned into action. Our chameleon mascot, Cammi, will join in on the journey. Since Cammi is adaptable in every situation, Cammi will be a perfect tagalong friend as Tour Teams travel the globe. Cammi challenges kids not just to blend in but to stand out for Jesus. So pack your gear, the trip starts at Tennille United Methodist

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Church. You won’t want to miss a minute of the fun. Sign up for this exciting adventure at the World Tour PREREGISTRATION EVENT on Saturday, July 29, 10:00 A.M. Grab your backpacks and let’s hit the road. It will be the trip of a lifetime! ALL AGES ARE INVITED.

We could use some Tour Guides. Your job will be to travel with your Tour Team (a small group of kids divided by age level). You’ll start out in the Travel Center area and guide you Team to various sites as listed by schedule. If you would like to help, contact Suzanne Irons at 552-7249.

Sunday School

Be sure to join us for SS each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We have reorganized our SS and we now have classes for every age group. The Seekers Class (former Adult) is led by Leona Rogers; John Wesley Class by Mary Moye; the Youth by Joe Thomas; Young Children by Suzanne and Dwight Irons; Babies/Toddlers by Reba Barlow.

Our assembly/gathering time has something new and different each Sunday lending some excitement to SS.

Bread of Life

The 2nd Wednesday evening each month Tennille United Methodist Church is participating in the ***Bread of Life*** program. This mission provides an evening meal to almost 60 needy families in our community. If you would like to help, contact Mary Moye at 552-7703. Menu for July 12: chicken tenders, pimento cheese sandwiches, deviled eggs, dessert, milk.

Radio Ministry

When you cannot make it to church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to radio station WJFL 101.9 at 9:00 am and listen to a service from the previous week at TUMC. You may also contact Pastor Pete to obtain a recording from any Sunday service.

TUMC Website

Thanks to Selwyn May, the TUMC has a web site. Important news about the church and photos of special events are posted on the site. Visit at www.tennilleumc.org and click on the links to explore the site. I think you will love it. She continues to update the web site on a regular basis. She has recently added articles about the history of the church. She would like your help with the history by contributing what you remember or have been told by your parents concerning the history of TUMC. When additional items are contributed about history, our plans are to print them in a book to be available for those who do not have computers.

Finance and Stewardship.

Thanks to your wonderful help Jean Bevill reports that for the last two months giving has met needs. We are hopeful that we now have some stability in our finances and perhaps can start to rebuild our savings.

For next year’s needs the Finance and Stewardship Committee is working diligently on a different and hopefully better way to ask for the means to fund the work of our Church. Please see the article on “Loyalty Sunday”.

Derek Spry and Lucy Nell Smith.

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Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report May 2006

Conference and District Askings	2006 Budget	Paid to Date		
World Service Fund	1,218	507.50	Other	Paid to Date
Conference Benevolence	1,560	650.00	Magnolia Manor (UMW)	250.00
Clergy Support	1,534	639.17	Advocate	270.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,298	540.83	Magnolia Manor	45.00
Comprehensive Protection Plan	841	350.42	Bee Hive (Metter)	190.00
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,133	472.08	Annual Conf. Offering	52.00
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	99	41.25		
Administrative Exp.	723	310.25	Month of May	
State Cooperative Fund	66	27.50	Contributions	8,470.83
Christian Higher Education	677	282.08	Disbursements	7,036.75
SEJ Mission Ministry	105	43.75		
Africa University Fund	39	16.25		
Black College Fund	176	73.33		
General Administration Fund	107	44.58	Check Book	
General Episcopal Fund	310	129.17	Balance as of 12/31/05	6,197.15
Interdenominational Coop Fund	34	14.17	Deposits:	
Ministerial Education Fund	444	183.33	Pledges	34,232.64
District Work Fund	1,714	714.17	Basket	2,055.26
Buildings and Grounds			3/31 Golden Savings	2,000.00
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	2,400	404.32	4/28 Golden Savings	500.00
Organ	71,683		Disbursements	39,371.40
Insurance	3,368		Balance as of 4/30/06	5,624.65
Utilities	7,000	4,110.02		
Yard	2,000	655.00	Golden Savings Balance	4,534.72
Termite Control	600	200.00		
Parsonage Committee Improvements	1,500	1,865.18		
Operational Expenses				
Janitorial Service	2,000	880.55		
Janitorial Supplies	50	17.52		
Office Supplies	600	253.45		
Social Hall Supplies	150	47.68		
Annual Conference Expense	400			
Musical Instrument Maintenance	500	280.00		
Miscellaneous	1,000	317.63		
Contingency Reserve	3,000	250.00		
Program and Ministry				
Prayer Ministry	600			
Family Ministry	150	119.10		
Worship	300	250.00		
Evangelism	500			
Missions	800	250.00		
Pastor's Continuing Education	500			
Music	500	99.00		
Feed My Sheep	2,400			
Media Ministry (WEB/Newsletter/Radio)	3,480	1,468.57		
Ministerial Support				
Salary and Expense	43,707	18,211.25		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,017	2,506.70		
Health Flex (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)	4,932	2,154.60		
Total	172,215	39,371.40		

Pastor Pete's Ponderings

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitles them...

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights....

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions...

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

Do you recognize these words? Sure you do, they are from the Declaration of Independence approved in writing on July 2, 1776, accepted by the delegates of Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, read in public for the first time on July 8, 1776 and engrossed in script on parchment and signed on August 2, 1776.

On July 3, 1776 John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail: *"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty."*

As the parchment was being signed by the members of the Continental Congress Samuel Adams declared: *"We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His kingdom come."*

These quotes sound as if our Founders relied heavily on our Creator for the success of our Independence. It would just make sense for us to celebrate our Independence as we acknowledge our Dependence on God. We will certainly celebrate our freedom in Christ this Sunday in worship. Here are some suggestions from our General Board of Discipleship that you can do at home.

Celebrating Independence Day in Your Home

In your family devotional time, use the following Scripture and prayer:

Joshua 4:6b-7.

This Scripture talks about the stones placed at the side of the Jordan so that when the children saw them, they would ask to be told the story of the people coming into the Promised Land. Talk together as a family about the "stones" of faith in your house that help you remember the stories of God's people. Talk about the Bibles in your home, any symbols of Christianity in your home, any music of faith that you play in your home. Think together about the "stones" of our country. Talk about such things as flags; red, white, and blue decorations; parades; and fireworks. Discuss what these things tell us as part of the story of our country.

Pray together this prayer (or one you write yourself):

Gracious God. On this date in particular, we give thanks for this country. We thank you for the ideals of freedom and equality and inclusion that this country seeks to have. We pray for our leaders and ask that you guide them in making wise decisions that benefit the whole, not just a few. And we ask that you help us discern the division between country and faith so that all may have the same freedoms we so enjoy. Amen.

Display the flag if you have one.

Check out this web site for more ideas: <http://www.gbod.org/ready/july4.html>

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South Georgia United Methodist Annual Conference
Savannah, Georgia June 4-7, 2006
Report of Lay Delegate Mary Moye:

The South Georgia Annual Conference this year celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of Full Clergy Rights for Women. It was in 1956 that the South Georgia Conference ordained its first woman to the Methodist ministry. To commemorate this event, many of the speakers and participants in the conference were female. All female Elders and Deacons were recognized before the full Conference and Bishop Watson led a prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of these women.

Business transactions from the conference:

1. There are some changes to the formula by which ministers' pensions are calculated. You will be hearing more about this later. The Clergy Retirement Security Program is referred to by the acronym CRISP. By my calculations this will mean less than a \$5 increase in what we pay for our minister's pension. There will be sessions in the Dublin district in August for our financial leaders to attend to understand the new formulary and how the billing will occur.
2. There was a new policy added to the exiting Parsonage Guidelines which I found a bit amusing. This policy stated –and I quote - “With the understanding that smoking causes a residual odor to remain in carpets and wall, it is recommended that there be no smoking inside a Methodist parsonage. Any damage that is incurred will be the responsibility of the pastor”

Additional information on these two items will be shared with Derek Spry, our Finance Chairman and Faye McMaster, our parsonage chairperson.

I always like to report to you a few of the statistics we are given during the business sessions.

1. There has been a significant increase in giving in the churches of the South Georgia Conference. A total of \$1,572,175 was the increase this year in giving to conference apportionments and relief efforts.
2. Over a two year period --2003-2005-- the churches of our South Georgia Conference saw from 56% to 75 % increase in laity leadership – which means that more people in the church are being involved in the work of the church. That says we are maturing and growing as Christians -- that our participation in Laity activities such as the Visioning process, the Healthy Church Workshop, etc. has involved more of our lay people.

So, we are giving more and working harder, but there remains a major area of concern!

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Over the last three years churches of the South Georgia conference have continued to show low numbers attending worship services. This year there was a 2 % reduction in worship attendance. Membership in South Georgia Methodist churches remains stagnant – and a staggering 46% of the churches of the South Georgia Conference reported ZERO professions of faith in the past year.

So our task is before us—our area of need is to reach out and win people to Christ!! We must share our faith and communicate the gospel to others. But let us be reminded that there is not just one way to do this.

This annual conference broke out of the traditional mode and did something very unorthodox to communicate the gospel to others. Rather than a regular session on Tuesday morning, representatives to the conference were given an opportunity to sign up for an area of service in the Savannah area -- to go out and minister by sharing God’s love with others. Prison ministry, Habitat for Humanity, feeding the hungry programs, and assistance to children and families, were just some of the opportunities we were given to share the gospel.

Bishop Watson’s address, as always, was timely and challenging. Using First Corinthians 9:22 as his text, he challenged us to do whatever it took, to use what ever means we had to fulfill our mission of making disciples for Christ. You may have noticed some of us wearing the white bracelets we got at Conference—they are inscribed “By All Means” and it comes from that same verse in First Corinthians in which the apostle Paul urges us to **“By all Means—Save Some”**

Rev. Denise Walton, Associate Pastor of South Columbus UMC, was the preacher for the worship service on Monday. In her message, entitled “The Courage to Be”, Rev Walton listed many leaders both laity and clergy who have gone before us and who have much to teach us about courage. “South Georgia, the vision has been cast before us”, said Rev. Walton, “Now is not the time to leave the battlefield, now is the time to pray through it.”

We were reminded that many people are on the sidelines watching what Christians do in this troubled age. May those standing on the sidelines in Tennille see courage, faithfulness, love and concern for others. And may they say, “You know, there’s something Christ-like about those Methodists in Tennille.”

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Pete sent me this article recently and I thought you would also like to know about why and when we use the colors that we do to celebrate the seasons of the Christian Year.

COLORS FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

The Christian year contains two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent– Christmas–Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent–Easter–Pentecost). Within each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple and a festival season symbolized by the color white. After each cycle there is an ordinary time of growth symbolized by the color green. Thus there is a sequence of seasons using purple, white, and green in that order twice each year.

Purple is a color of both penitence and royalty used during the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. Blue, a color of hope, may also be used during Advent.

White and gold are joyous and festive colors used during the Christmas and Easter Seasons (except on the Day of Pentecost) and in other seasons on festive days such as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, Trinity, All Saints, and Christ the King. White may also be used at weddings and at services where the Sacrament of Baptism is central.

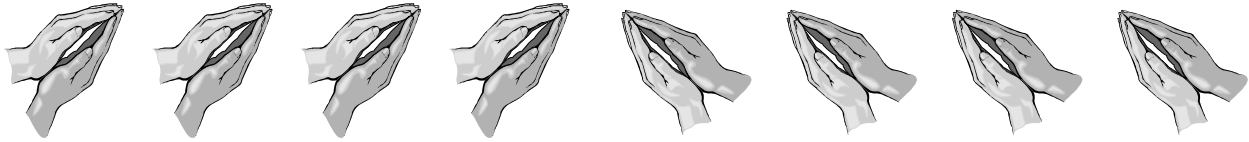
White is recommended at services of death and resurrection because it symbolizes both death and resurrection. At services of Holy Communion white linens on top of the Lord's table are customary, but the paraments hanging over the front or sides of the table and the other visuals should reflect the day or season of the year.

Green, is a color of growth, used in the Seasons After the Epiphany and After Pentecost, except when special days call for white or red.

Red is a color of fire, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. It is used on the Day of Pentecost and at other times when the work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized. Red is also the color of blood—the blood of Christ and the blood of martyrs. Because of its intensity, red is most effective when used occasionally rather than continuously for a whole season. It is appropriate for evangelistic services, for ordinations and consecrations, for church anniversaries and homecomings, and for civil observances such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day or Memorial Day. It may be used beside white and gold through the Easter Season. It may be used during Holy Week, beginning with Passion/Palm Sunday, to symbolize the blood of Christ.

Although use of these colors is based on broad ecumenical tradition, other colors have been and are being used in Christian churches. Creativity with colors and other signs for days and seasons is encouraged.

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Our Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports

Name	Name
Pete and Reba Barlow	Chad Field (soldier has been shot in head)
Bob Northington	Don Sheppard
Jim Kitchings	Lucyle Ballentine
Jerry Gill	Will Garland (5yr old child)
Stan Carter	Stewart Turner
Tom Mingledorff	Billie Sweat
Marie Hagood	Mary Marshall
Estelle Webb	Traci Mizelle
Diane Haywood	Tiahna Hoff
Elsie Marchman	Australia Cochran
Dr. William Taylor	Audrey Cook
Hazel & Dennard Miller	Grace Irons
Rubye Brantley	Mark & Pat Zeitlin
Lamar & Nicole Belew	Phillipa Denny
Bess Freeman	Helen Chapman
Roger Deem	Sol Thomas (Praise God for healing)
Maggie Farmer	Reuben Moskowitz
George Logue	Otis Davis
Elmer Moss	Monty Rose
Louise Cook	Deidra Dalrymple
All Disaster Victims	Billy Bowers
Soldiers & their families	Henrietta Lewis
Ruth Ann Johnson	Steve & Jennie Johnson
Billie Jean Wofford	Anne Bazemore
Frankie Frost	Betty Ward
Lee Cook	Margaret Northington
Mercedes Youmans	Betty Barlow
Vonnie Ward	Amelia McAfee

Please pray for these people daily as you pray. Who do you know needs prayer? Could it be you? Has God answered any of the above prayers? Let us rejoice with you. Submit to Reba Barlow – pereb@bellsouth.net or call 478-552-7883 or hand me their written name please.